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The Atonement Through the Blood

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"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission."—Heb. 9:22.

A gospel without the Bible doctrine of the atonement is not a real gospel. Without this doctrine Christianity is but a devil's substitute. Satan's greatest enemy is the blood of Christ. If the Devil had his way, no man would ever stand to preach on the atonement through the blood. Satan tells us that we can be saved by our good works, by our reformation, by doing the best that we can. But he is eternally wrong. The only way for us to be saved is through the blood of Christ.

Men everywhere today are avoiding this great doctrine. They magnify the life, the teachings and the character of Jesus and they leave out His death — they are not preaching "Christ and him crucified." They tell us to practice the Golden Rule, to take Jesus as our master example. They are wrong: salvation is only through the blood. If it were not for the blood, we would all be lost without God and without hope in the world. Let us then turn from all of our human notions and let us thank God for One who came down from Heaven's glory, who lived a stainless life, who bore our sins upon a cross and poured out his

precious blood that we might forever live.

I. The Necessity and Importance of Christ's Death and Shedding of Blood

1. His death is mentioned more than 175 times in the New Testament.

The Bible is full of the death of Christ. There is more about it in the four gospels than about anything else. If you cut out the references to His shed blood in the Bible and in the hymns, you would be left with an empty theology. You would have a Bible without a heart and a gospel without saving power.

2. He became a man for the specific purpose of dying.

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had power of death, that is the devil" (Heb. 2:14). The meaning here is plain — Christ was incarnated for the purpose of dying in our stead. He was born to die. His death was not a mere accident of human life, but the supreme purpose of it. He became a man that He might die as a man for all men.

3. His death was a known fact in Heaven.

One day Jesus took certain of His disciples to the top of a high (Continued on Page 5)



Dr. Herschel Ford



Dr. Jesse M. Hendley

DESOLATE AMERICA

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

(Preached on Christian Business Men's program and broadcast over a Chicago radio station, May 27, 1946, during Chicago city-wide Life Begins revival campaign. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the soul of foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hands, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense

is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; make you clean; put away the

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How You May Be Saved from Hell and Go to Heaven

By EVANGELIST JESSE M. HENDLEY, D.D.
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First you must realize that you are LOST! God says you are:

Born in sin (Psa. 51:5);
Dead in sin (Eph. 2:1);
Without God (Eph. 2:12);
Condemned already (John 3:18);
Facing physical death alone, and immediate Hell (Lk. 16:22, 23);

After death, judgment (Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:11-15);
After judgment, the lake of fire forever (Rev. 20:15).

This is the horrible condition of every man, woman, boy and girl above the age of accountability who has never repented of his or her sins—all not among those who have received Jesus as Saviour and Lord, and, having confessed Him openly before men, are following Him in a life of obedience to His will found in the Bible. I will quote and explain the above solemn passages that you may see your desperate condition, the place you are in each moment!

Born in Sin!

First, you are born in sin! "In sin did my mother conceive me" (Psa. 51:5). Every baby soon manifests sin in its heart even before it learns to talk—displaying temper, disobedience, selfishness. It is not taught these

things—sin is in its nature from birth (Psa. 58:3, 4).

Dead in Sin!

Second, you are dead in sin! "And you . . . who were dead in trespasses and sin" (Eph. 2:1). This is spiritual death while you are physically alive—sins unforgiven, no hope of Heaven, no love of the Bible, or of prayer, or of the people of God, rejecting Christ as Saviour and the Holy Spirit as Comforter, and shutting God out

of your life. You are DEAD! When breath is absent from the physical body, it is dead; when the Spirit of God is absent from your soul, it is dead.

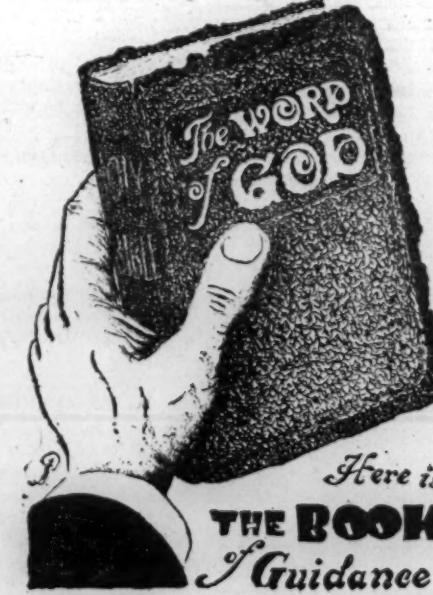
"It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad; for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found" (Luke 15:32). Until you cease your wandering and come home to God, you are DEAD.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). Until you hear God's Word and believingly act on it, you are DEAD.

"Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you" (John 6:53). Until you trust Christ's torn body and His shed blood alone for remission of sin, you are DEAD.

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light" (Eph. 5:14). Until you are awake about your lost

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Here is
THE BOOK
of Guidance

"I'M FROM MISSOURI!"

By GRACE JEAN RICE

Probably you have heard people from every state in the union say, "Well, I'm from Missouri—you'll have to show me." And that's only a natural and very human trait, confined by no means to Missouri alone.

The nice thing about THE SWORD OF THE LORD is that it convincingly meets that challenge. Time and again people have written us, saying that they had been sent the paper by a friend and didn't expect to enjoy it at all, and then found to their surprise that it became the mainstay of their spiritual reading! So we recommend THE SWORD OF THE LORD just for that kind of people — the shrewd, discerning Missouri kind who have to be shown.

Because we're on the subject, and to more or less prove our point, we're quoting this week from four letters from Missouri.

Here are some "show me" people who took THE SWORD OF THE LORD and were convinced!

Mrs. C. R. S. of Burlington Junction, Missouri, wrote:

"THE SWORD OF THE LORD is the best paper I ever read. I just couldn't do without it. Such wonderful sermons! I sure get food for my soul when I read the sermons in that paper." For Missouri, that is enthusiastic!

Mr. J. H. G. of Joplin, Missouri writes:

"I have been taking your paper for over two years, and found out it has been a great blessing to (Continued on Page 7)

Evangelists for the Carolina Campaigns

By the Editor

Last week we told about "Revivals Brewing in the Carolinas." Summarizing that article, the National Laymen's Evangelists Association asked THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the evangelists who work with us, to help them in the enlistment of pastors and churches and the organizing of union campaigns in every principal city and town in North and South Carolina, if possible, such campaigns to take place generally in September, October and November of this year. Each campaign is to be a union campaign, to be controlled by a local committee of pastors and Christian workers, in each case, along with the evangelist called by them to lead the campaign. The local committee of pastors and laymen will in each case decide on the time, place, evangelist, etc. The National Laymen's Evangelistic Association and THE SWORD OF THE LORD simply act to help enlist pastors and workers and help, where needed, in organizing such campaigns. We now have four full-time men on the field in the Carolinas, with headquarters at 201½ S. Tryon Street, Charlotte 2, North Carolina. Mr. William F. Mann, my own special representative, is supervising the advance work. THE SWORD OF THE LORD workers and the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association are in the fullest accord and cooperation in this matter. It is hoped to establish a two-state-wide advisory board of some twenty or thirty leading pastors in the Carolinas to lead jointly with THE SWORD OF THE LORD and the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association, in the promotion of these campaigns.

We expect to give weekly reports on the progress in setting up these union campaigns and, after they begin, we hope to give detailed accounts of the blessings of God upon the campaigns.

America's Best Evangelists Available

In Carolina communities where pastors and other laymen organize for a campaign and wish the promotional and organizational help furnished by THE SWORD OF THE LORD workers, we suggest that an evangelist be chosen from an approved list of the best soul winners in America. There are some good men who hold revivals, but do not build up the local churches and do not promote unity between Bible-believing Christians. There are some good soul winners who have methods that bring reproach upon evangelism. Naturally we do not feel we should be responsible for such evangelists. We do not encourage local groups of pastors and churches and lay-workers to invite evangelists for union campaigns unless they meet the very highest standards of ethics, use sound and approved methods, and preach a sound gospel with the power of the Holy Spirit. With these things in mind, by hearty agreement by the National Laymen's Evangelistic Association and THE SWORD OF THE LORD evangelists, we have selected a great group of evangelists and have asked them to reserve some time for these Carolina campaigns.

These Evangelists Have Agreed to Help

EVANGELIST HYMAN J. APPLEMAN, D.D., noted Jewish evangelist. Promised for two campaigns, November and December. Friends in Charleston and Columbia, C. C., want him, if possible. We are hoping another date for the Carolinas can be cleared in August.

Dr. Appleman is one of the most moving and powerful soul winners of this generation. He was tre-

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Desolate America

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though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." — Isa. 1:18.

I am preaching today on "Desolate America." I am not going into the political ills, though it is not hard to see some political ills and troubles. Neither am I going into our economic setup and the terrible dislocation that is brought about by hateful and radical men.

I should like to say by way of introduction that what is wrong with America is with the Christian people and with the churches.

You say, "Brother Rice, the meat is about spoiled in America." That is right. The trouble is that the meat always spoils unless you have salt. The trouble is not with the meat in America; the trouble is the lack of salt.

You say, "Brother Rice, the boys and girls in America are going to the dogs." Well, some of them are. We always have boys and girls, and we always have them going to the dogs unless we have the right kind of dads and mothers. The trouble is not with the boys and girls; the trouble is with the dads and mothers in America.

You say, "But Brother Rice, lost people are worldly-minded, and profane, and adulterous." Sure they are. But I remind you now that we are the light of the world that shines into dark hearts. What is wrong with America is

gelist of years of experience, though a young man. The finest commendations from pastors where he has gone back three and four times to the same city. A university graduate, a thorough Bible student, powerful in preaching and prayer, he is well prepared for large crowds and union campaigns, should have hundreds saved.

EVANGELIST LOUIS WUNEBURGER, a southwestern evangelist, years in the chaplaincy a fine record as a soul winner, commended strongly by Christian leaders. A hard worker, a splendid preacher, Spirit-filled personality.

EVANGELIST WILLIAM H. RICE, JR. A brother of Editor John R. Rice but a splendid, experienced evangelist in his own right. On the evangelistic extension staff of Moody Bible Institute, he is a colorful and charming speaker, sound Scripturally, pungent in his dealing with sin. He draws great crowds of men and young people; draws greatly on his boyhood experiences in the south-west. He has remarkably large numbers of conversions in his campaigns.

EVANGELIST CARLYLE SCOTT, Indiana evangelist, one of the most popular in the middle-west. A powerful preacher, gets many saved. Brotherly, proven, reliable, although a comparatively young man. He can give one campaign October 26 through November 16.

EVANGELIST JOHN LINTON of Wheaton, Illinois. Greatly used of God in Canada and throughout the north and east, in churches of many denominations. Brother Linton is unusual in his Bible knowledge, in the incisive vigor of his preaching, his delicious humor and his slight Scotch brogue. His books of sermons have proven very popular, especially *Walking on Water*. A delightful, powerful Bible preacher and soul winner.

EVANGELIST ROLFE BARNARD. One of the clearest and most powerful of Bible preaching evangelists; well trained, deeply moving. Available through September, October and November in Carolina union campaigns.

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EVANGELIST JOHN MAC-

with the churches, with the Christians, with us preachers, with us people who ought to be winning souls.

You say, "But, Brother Rice, the body-politic is full of sores." That is right. But Christians ought to have medicine. The Scripture says here, "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment." The church of Jesus Christ and the gospel of Jesus Christ, God-anointed and God-called preachers, and God-established churches ought to have something for what is wrong with the world. Don't you see that? Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Then He said, "Ye are the light of the world." When Jesus fed the five thousand hungry people, none of them had any food except one boy who had brought his lunch of five little barley biscuits and two small fishes. The disciples came and said to Jesus, "Send them away. They will all get starved out here. Send them away so they can buy some food."

Jesus said, "They need not depart; give ye them to eat." We do not have to let the world go to Hell. We ought to have something for them. You say the world is starving. That is right; it is. There ought to be somebody who could give them the gospel. "Oh," somebody says, "but, Brother Rice, we just do not have any way." Something bad has happened to churches and Christians in America.

We are not like Peter and John. In the third chapter of Acts we are told that they went to the temple at the hour of prayer. As they went into the temple there was a poor maimed man who, I suppose, sat with his tin cup. Peter and John said, "Look on us." He looked up and thought, "I can get another penny in my cup now."

But Peter said, "I don't have any pennies." Well, that is all right; I have known other preachers who were just as broke as Peter was. The difference is that Peter had something the rest of us preachers do not have. You are not like Peter just because you are broke. He said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." The world is lame, but the trouble is not that the world is lame and sick. The trouble is that we cannot say, "Rise up and walk," because we do not have the miracle power, the saving salt. The world is in darkness, going downhill in the darkness, and we do not have any light. That is the trouble. From God's viewpoint the trouble is with the people of God.

You say, "We ought to have a revival." Well, what is lacking? Aren't there any sinners to preach to? Why can't you have a revival? The thing that is lacking is that we do not have the power of God on the people of God. You see, you need not blame lost people for being lost. Every person ever born into this world was a sinner by nature, and as soon as he became accountable to God, knowing right from wrong, he became a willing, deliberate, conscious sinner. It is nothing new that we have sinners away from God. It is nothing new that in this world we have people more worried about food for their bellies and clothes for their backs than about their immortal souls. That is common to the whole race of mankind. No, whatever is wrong with desolate America these days is primarily wrong with Christians and churches. If we can get Christians and churches and preachers right, we can have America revived and blessed.

Formalism in the Churches
What is the matter with us Christian people? First of all, I would say we are content with formal religion and formal religious living; and that is not what God wants and not what the world needs. I think that everyone who hears me today had better, when I have finished, take the first

chapter of Isaiah, read it over and see what God thinks about our oblations and so-called 'formal worship services.' Listen to what He says there, "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me?"

You say, "Why, Brother Rice, I bring in tithes and offerings. Do you believe in tithing?"

I certainly do! Sure! But I do not believe the tithe is all God wants. Listen, when the Lord says, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse," there is not anything in that for the world-wide mission program at all. That just takes care of God's place. There is not anything there to keep the Christian Business Men's Committee on the air. There is not anything there to keep Christian colleges going. The truth is that the New Testament requires a lot more than one-tenth, if anybody really means business for God. It requires not only the tenth but all ten-tenths, and then the man himself who has the money, and his heart and his soul—everything he has! God said, "What are all these sacrifices for? I do not need them. I'm not poor. I am not hungry that I need your roasted lamb. I am not sick that I need for ministrations. I am not poor; I am not a beggar."

Listen carefully and see if that is not what He said: "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me?" saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats."

You will understand that it is God who appointed that people should bring lambs and bullocks and he-goats. It is God who appointed them to bring sacrifices. But I tell you now, any time giving becomes a formal ceremony, any time it gets to be just a routine matter, just a rut that you have fallen into; any time you do it just because you think nice people do it that way, then you can put it down that God stops

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ARTHUR, D.D. Formerly an evangelist on the extension staff of Moody Bible Institute, then four years as superintendent of evangelists for the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation, Dr. MacArthur has had a number of very fine union campaigns. He is a thorough student, combines a most serious scholarship and deep earnestness with a delightful personality. We do not have yet the exact dates that Dr. MacArthur will be available for union campaigns in the Carolinas, but have his promise of cooperation.

EVANGELIST MERV ROSELL, D.D. One of the most popular Youth for Christ preachers in America, Dr. Rosell is a thorough Bible scholar, sound in the faith, a colorful preacher who draws great crowds, with wide experience. His saxophone solos are very popular. He has promised some time to union campaigns in the Carolinas this fall.

EVANGELIST E. J. DANIELS, Alabama evangelist, widely known for his radio broadcasts and his "Faith of our Fathers" publication. Brother Daniels has tremendous energy, soundness in the faith, a zeal that is used to save hundreds of sinners in many revival campaigns. He has one of the very best gospel singers, is available for a campaign the last three weeks in November, or into December.

EVANGELIST C. CLIFFORD D. LEWIS, D.D. Dr. Lewis has held a number of fine union campaigns, has gone around the world preaching the gospel, though comparatively a young man. He is solid, sensible, brotherly, constructive, and trustworthy. Three or four communities could get him for union campaigns in the Carolinas through September, October, November and part of December.

EVANGELIST LENNARD DARBEY. Thoroughly trained, a strong Bible preacher with much radio and evangelistic experience. Educated in the southwest, seven years experience in Seattle, much used in Chicago, Brother Darbee is an unusual Bible preacher. Available for a November campaign in the Carolinas, possibly more.

DR. MONROE PARKER, assistant to the president, Bob Jones College. Carrying the main responsibility in the training of six hundred ministerial students, Dr. Parker is himself a strong evangelist, an unusual Bible preacher, colorful, pointed, anointed of God. He will be available, we trust, for one or two campaigns in the Carolinas in the fall.

EVANGELIST JIMMY JOHNSON, a Carolina native, has been widely used in that area, is already promised for Fayetteville, North Carolina, has some other time available for union campaigns. He is greatly loved and trusted.

EVANGELIST COVELL KEENUM of Alabama, a young evangelist who has had remarkable results, with many calls and the finest recommendations. An unusual mind, a vigorous personality, a splendid pulpit presence, with the courage and conviction and fervor of the Holy Spirit upon him, this young evangelist should be used in three or four strong union campaigns in the Carolinas in the fall. His results and comments of pastors are very unusual.

EVANGELIST D. O. G. L. A. S. WINN, a greatly anointed young evangelist, has already won thousands to Christ in Canada, through the eastern and southern states and Oklahoma. The power of God is upon him. A brotherly, fervent, Spirit-filled evangelist.

EVANGELIST JAMES V. LAMB of St. Louis. Brother Lamb has much to commend him: fine scholarship (his Master's Degree awaits only completion of a thesis), an unusually successful pastorate in St. Louis, good revival campaigns, the confidence of brethren far and wide. Marked alike by fine personality, deep convictions, fervent spirit and brotherly, cooperative, constructive attitude, Brother Lamb is being splendidly used as an evangelist and we are happy to have him available for union campaigns in towns where he may

be called in North and South Carolina.

EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, editor THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I am already invited by pastors of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, for a revival campaign there July 20-August 10, to run an extra week if the time can be arranged. I have saved all the fall months for the Carolinas wherever the Lord shall clearly lead.

With the exception of the last named, (the unworthy editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD) I submit that that list of evangelists cannot be equalled by any other twenty-five soul winners on this continent. Every one of these evangelists is sound in the great truths of the Word of God, the plan of salvation, the deity of Christ, the need for the new birth, Heaven, Hell, the inspiration of the Scriptures. Every one of them stands for a separated, clean and holy life on the part of God's children. Every one of them has proven himself a successful, fervent, Spirit-anointed evangelist. All of them are constructive. All of them are agreed to work with the pastors and churches, to build up the local work, to observe an honorable code of ethics. They are available during the fall months in the Carolinas for union campaigns only, not for one church campaigns.

Our Code of Evangelistic Ethics

At one of the Winona Lake Conferences on Evangelism, forty or fifty evangelists subscribed heartily to a code of ethics for evangelists, almost word for word as given below. I have repeatedly said to groups of pastors in the Carolinas, "Make your own code of ethics for evangelists! Make

it as strict and strong as you can! We have already agreed on a stronger one than you would write. You may trust these evangelists who work with THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

The following points are almost exactly as adopted by evangelists at our Winona Lake Conference.

1. There must be no compromising in our preaching in order to avoid offense on the main doctrines of Christ, the Bible, sin and salvation. We will not enter a revival campaign without being free to preach lovingly, but faithfully. Scripturally, and definitely on these matters of primary importance.

2. True Bible evangelism must be carried on with fervent hearts filled with love for all Christians. We, as evangelists in Union Campaigns will be non-sectarian in spirit, we will not stir up division and strife between denominations, and will not major on minors. An evangelistic campaign to be a large success must be centered:

- a. On reviving of Christians.
- b. On the conviction and salvation of sinners.

Every true revival then, should end with Christians more united than when it began, and should leave added harmony, and never division and strife.

3. Sword Fellowship evangelists will set no price on our services. Each evangelist in this fellowship will seek to go only where God leads, and to do God's will and then will look to God to see that he is properly cared for financially. The evangelist will make no financial demands, will not indicate how much money he needs or feels he deserves. The evangelist's travelling expenses, room and board should be paid usually out of General Expense Funds raised in nightly free-will offerings. Then a love offering might be taken for the evangelist

under the direction of cooperating pastors, and that without any unseemly pressure. Song leaders may be paid by the evangelists out of their love offerings, or out of the local expense budget if clearly agreed upon. In good revival campaigns where God richly blesses, God's people will take care of God's evangelists. It is our suggestion that Love Offering Envelopes be distributed the last few nights of a campaign, and that God's people be invited, by the pastors, to give as they feel will please God.

4. We agree to be moderate in our requests about the kind of room and meals we desire, conscientiously economical in our expense accounts, striving always to be content with such things as we have, living moderately as other humble Christian men live.

5. We believe in intelligent, aggressive advertising and promotion of Revival Campaigns, but will seek to avoid (a) any insincere or dishonest advertising; (b) any language or methods that would necessarily bring reproach upon Christ and His cause.

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We believe that God sometimes blessed independent Revival Campaigns, and we wish to encourage soul winning by every evangelist,

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His ears, turns away His face. God does not want that kind of giving, that kind of living, that kind of work. It is an abomination to God!

I think that God despises what we ordinarily call worship services as much as the decadent priesthood at Jerusalem where the people had turned their hearts from God. The rigmarole still went on, you know. The priests went about their business. They brought lambs and sacrifices. Nobody much loved God, nobody cared if the world went to Hell, nobody was burdened about sin; but everybody went through the ceremonies just the same. I hear Christian people pray in the most pious and unctuous tones. They start out, "We thank Thee for Jesus Christ," etc., etc. Their words are wonderful. But God said, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me" (Isa. quoted by Jesus in Matt. 15:8). God is not content with a formal kind of worship. God does not want it. It is an abomination to Him. That does not make you a good Christian. That does not make your prayers acceptable.

The Scripture here in the first chapter of Isaiah goes on to say, "When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting."

I remind you again that it was God who had required the Jews to set apart certain sabbaths to be observed ceremonially. It was God who had required them to keep these certain rules and laws and sacrifices. But He says, "Unless you come with your heart, all the outward ceremonies are an abomination. Don't come that way any more. When you lift up your hands to pray, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." Formal worship is an abomination to God!

It is the natural thing for us to please our aesthetic sense in our worship. We come, and we say we come to worship God; actually we come to have a good time. You call it reverence because you shut out all the children and have them go down in the basement somewhere. You do not have them in the morning service. Never a baby cries—no sir! A young mother would be insulted and embarrassed so she would not come back with the baby in her arms, if she were there, and everything is quiet. You call that reverence. It is a musty tomb kind of reverence! It is a quietness of death kind of reverence! It is the same kind of feeling that a cultivated but profane atheist can have in an art gallery. It is the same enjoyment one can have by listening to classical music with no thought of God. You do not have to have God in it to have that kind of so-called "reverence" or "worship." Really it is just a kind of aesthetic enjoyment. People go to church because they like that kind of music and responses. They say they love the old hymns. But the truth of the matter is that a Salvation Army with a brass band, few converted drunks and other people who toot their horns off key, who beat on their drums strong and loud and who sing some Christian words to Yankee Doodle, are a lot more musical to God, if they get one poor sinner who wants the Lord to hear the gospel! It is better than a church full of people who know just when to rise and just when to sit, and how to bow and scrape, when to sing their Sanctus and when to sing their "Gloria Patri."

I believe that God Almighty wants people to worship in their hearts. I believe that formal worship is an abomination to God, that He hates it. I believe that is the reason this country is going to Hell. God wants the church people, and all they have is a form. That is what the Pharisees

had when Jesus came; that is what you Chicago Pharisees have when Jesus comes in your churches! You have your little altar sets and candles and crucifixes and you bow there to pray. Idolatry! God hates it. God hates it! You had better hear me now when I say that formal religion, formal Christian living, formal service is an abomination to the Lord!

I think people ought to pray the Lord's Prayer but they ought to pray the meaning of it. I do not think it matters whether they use the exact words of the Lord's Prayer, but I think it does matter desperately whether their hearts mean it, or not. Unconverted people, worldly-minded people, people who went to a late show last night, people who were at a cocktail party last night, people who have not won a soul in years, pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth." Hypocrite! You do not mean it. Liar! Don't you think God knows as much as I know? I can see through that. Formal religion and formal praying, when in your heart there is no burden, no passion, no tears, no holy shaking and earthquake of God on you, is not pleasing to God!

I am not talking only about modernistic churches. I am not simply speaking about the churches where people do not believe in the Bible. I am talking about our fundamental churches. We need to get back to the reality of Christ and have His burden and passion.

That will mean sometimes that the preacher who preaches with the fire of God on him will make mistakes in his grammar. So what? I know a lot worse sins and crimes than that! That means that sometimes people will not finish all their sentences when they come before God in prayer. We have gotten to where we demand so much of the outward form that God has turned His face away from us. Form and ceremony are not New Testament Christianity.

Well, let us see what else is wrong with America.

Christians in America No Longer Hate Sin

Another thing is that we have no horror, we have no abomination for sin. It does not hurt us. We tolerate it. We have become immune to the stench of it. Did you know that there are certain kinds of diseases to which you become immune so that they do not bother you any more? So it is with other things. You can get some old lazy mule and whip him along day after day, until when you give him another lick he will hardly wiggle his tail! And you get to where the sin all around you does not bother you at all. Some people can go out in the sunshine and their skin gets brown. They get so dark they cannot get sunburned. Too many Christians cannot get sunburned. There are too many Christians who do not have any horror, any sorrow, over sin. They have gotten accustomed to it. All over this country it is that way.

I want to read to you a sad Scripture. Over in Ezekiel the Lord says, "Ezekiel, do you want to know why I destroyed Jerusalem? Well, I will tell you. I will give you a vision, Ezekiel." So in the ninth chapter we read:

"He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. [Here are God's workers behind the scenes. Men see here the heavenly rulers that God has put in charge of the destruction of Jerusalem.] And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate [angels in the Bible are often called men just like men now], which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side; and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he

called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn by his side; And the Lord said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity; slay utterly old and young, both maidens, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city."—Ezek. 9:1-7.

Do you see the picture? God said, "I want you to see how I'm doing this, Ezekiel." Somebody says, "Do you mean that God brought the army upon Jerusalem?"

"Yes."

"Do you mean that God was the One who had old men killed and young men killed and maidens killed, who had women with child ripped up, who had little babies' brains dashed out on stone walls? Do you mean God destroyed Jerusalem?"

"That is right." I know it sounds awful, but God says, "I'll show you just how I look at it. I'll show you what went on in Heaven behind the scenes, Ezekiel." And Ezekiel saw those six angels, men of God. God said to them, "Get your destroying weapons. Every angel get your club ready now. Go through the city, this man first [the man who was clothed in linen], and every time you find anybody who sighs and mourns over the abomination and sin everywhere, who hates sin and does not want it, and who is terrified about it—every time you find somebody like that, put a mark on his forehead." And in that unseeing, unbelieving, calloused city, people did not know it but the unseen angel of God went through Jerusalem and marked certain ones and said, "This man will escape, and this one, and this one, and this one."

Who were they? Those who still wept over sin! Those who could still be afraid of the abominations! They were marked. And then God said to these others, "Go through with your destroying weapons and smite them down. Only those shall escape who sigh and cry for the iniquity and abominations. Those who are burdened about it, you will not kill."

Do you see what I am saying? I am saying that the trouble in these days is that we do not have any horror for sin. We do not have any horror for sin! We have become so calloused that we are not disturbed about the liquor business and the thousands who are going to Hell by it now. Why, you can eat just as well in a place with liquor signs flashing all over it as anywhere else. You can enjoy your dinner just as well if somebody beside you is drinking beer. And you are a Christian! Who would think it! There are lots of liquor places owned by church people. And church people work in lots of other places: drug stores, hamburger joints, and so on, where it is sold. They do not have any burden about it. And we preachers do not preach much about it any more. God have pity upon us! I say people have lost their sorrowing and groaning and crying over sin. O God, make us afraid of sin again! Make us hate it!

Do you know what we need in this country? We need some Christians who are fanatics. We need some preachers who get in jail now and then. We need some preachers who cannot get their ads in the newspapers. We need some preachers who get put off the radio. We need these days some preachers who hate sin and weep and cry over it. God give us a heart to feel an abomination for sin! You are not going to get sinners to turn from sin until Christian people get a concern

about it and get some conviction about it.

American Christians Are Not Interested in Soul-Winning

The third thing I say is wrong with the churches, and therefore wrong with America, is that we have become so little concerned about winning souls. We do not do what Jesus said. We know about the Great Commission that commands us to take the gospel to every creature. We say, "All right; fine. I will pay a dollar to send somebody." A dollar! What is a dollar these days? Everybody has dollars. Everybody these days has electric iceboxes. Everybody these days drives nice cars and wears fine clothes. You have more money than you can spend, and you are just waiting until you can get more nylon stockings, a new automobile, a new refrigerator and a new washing machine! Sure, you will give God a dollar! I suppose God ought to get down on His face and kiss the hem of your garment! Boy, you have busted yourself, haven't you?—taking the gospel to a lost world.

"Yes."

"Do you mean that God was

the One who had old men killed and young men killed and maidens killed, who had women with child ripped up, who had little babies' brains dashed out on stone walls? Do you mean God destroyed Jerusalem?"

"Listen, we do not have much trouble getting the sinners saved who come to the Arena. These preachers who are helping and these personal workers will bear witness to the fact that a large percentage of the lost people who come, get saved. Whether they be

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mountain and before their eyes He was transfigured and made brighter than any light on land or sea. The disciples were overcome and fell upon their faces in fear before Him. The glory of it was greater than any man could bear. Moses and Elijah came and stood by the side of Jesus. They formed a committee which had been sent down from God. And what did they talk about? Did they talk about the miracles of Christ? His earthly life? His plan of organization for the new church? No, they talked about the death which He was going to die in Jerusalem. The atonement must have been important if God was willing to send a committee down to earth to talk to His Son about it.

4. His death is the central theme of Heaven's song.

Up there they do not sing, "Shall we gather at the river?"—they are already there. Up there they do not sing, "In the sweet by and by,"—they are living in it now. Up there they do not sing, "More like the Master,"—they are like Him in that city. Up there they do not sing, "Day is dying in the West,"—they are living in a land where day shall never die. What, then, is the theme of their song? We are told in the fifth chapter of Revelation that the redeemed hosts of Heaven sing the new song about the Lamb who was slain. Again we hear them singing: "...Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:12). Yes, the big song in Heaven will be about the atoning death and the shed blood of Christ. We say, then, that nothing is more important than the atonement through the blood.

II. What Was the Purpose of the Death and the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ?

1. He died as a vicarious offering for sin.

The dictionary tells us that vicarious suffering is "suffering in the place of another." Jesus, the perfect righteous One, deserved to live, but He died in the place of unjust sinful men who deserved to die. "But we were wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; he was crushed for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (I Pet. 3:18).

Several years ago a number of men were working in a huge pit near Asheville, North Carolina. A landslide one day killed seven of these men. One man who usually worked in this pit stayed at home

that day and his brother went to work in his place and died in his stead. This is an illustration of one man dying in the place of another, but it is not a good illustration of Christ's atonement. This man did not know that he was going to die in the place of his brother, but Jesus did know He was going to die in the place of lost sinners. The principle of one suffering for another is all around us in this world, "but the supreme example is given in Jesus. Of all the men who have come into this world, He deserved most to live, but He died in the place of men who deserved to die because of their sin.

2. He died as a ransom for the many.

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

What is a ransom? A rich man's son is captured by kidnappers and they hold him until the rich man pays a price which they demand. This money is called "ransom" money. Well, sin has man in its power but Christ died to redeem man from sin and to secure his release from the power of the law. The difference is right here, however: the rich man gives his money for one who loves him and Jesus gave Himself for those who had sinned and rebelled against Him.

3. He died as a sin offering

"Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin" (Isa. 53:10). In the ninth chapter of Hebrews we are told about the Old Testament offerings. We read of how innocent blood was shed and how this blood was offered as an atonement for sin. Once each year the High Priest would venture into the Holy of Holies and there he would make a blood offering for his sins and for the sins of the people. This chapter points to these various sacrifices and then tells us that "without shedding of blood is no remission." Then we are told that Jesus shed His blood and that sins are remitted in His name and there is no pardon and forgiveness outside the atoning blood of Jesus.

4. He died as a propitiation for our sins.

God has a holy wrath because of sin. He is not angry at the sinner, but at the sin which hurts Him. God hates sin with all of His might. How can that wrath be appeased? Can man do it? Can man pay enough? No, Christ must die and His blood must become the thing which appeases the wrath of God. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10).

The word "propitiate" means "to render favorable." We had lost favor with God through sin and we were brought back into

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We have seen the glorious purpose of His death, but the results are even more glorious. I can speak of them only in part.

1. A propitiation is provided for the world.

"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the world" (I John 2:2). This means that the death of Christ is the basis upon which God deals in mercy upon the world. This is the only ground on which God can deal with any man. But when the rankest sinner comes to Him, God is ready to deal with him in a saving way.

When a child does wrong, the father may permit the child's brother to take the punishment upon himself. In this way the father is dealing with the bad son in mercy through the elder brother. This is a slight picture of what God did for us in Christ Jesus.

2. We attain resurrection from the dead through the atoning blood.

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive" (I Cor. 15:22). All through this chapter Paul is talking about the resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of believers. The curse of death came through Adam,

causing all of us to suffer physical death. However, those who are in Christ shall live again unto life eternal. Which shall be your resurrection? Will you rise to life or to death? It all depends upon the attitude that you take toward Christ who gives you this resurrection.

3. All believers have forgiveness of sins through His atoning oath.

"In whom we have redemption through his blood the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph. 1:7). Our forgiveness has already been secured through the blood, but we appropriate it through our faith.

A preacher in England said to a dying woman, "Have you made your peace with God?" "No," she said. "Do you realize," he said, "that you are dying and that soon you must go out to face God and give an account of your life?" "Yes," replied the woman, "but I am not disturbed about that . . . I do not have to make any peace

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old hardened sinners or tender young ones; whether they be Protestant or Catholic or Jewish; whether they be white or colored, is not primarily the trouble with lost people. If we could just have Christian people who cared enough to get in their cars and go after people, love people and bring them into the services, we could have people saved. The trouble is not with the unsaved. O God, give us a broken and contrite heart!

A friend of mine went to a great Christian institution near Chicago to preach; and as he preached, he wept. Some students of that institution on a bus were heard to whine and pretend and mock that preacher because he wept when he preached. O God, have pity! What will God do when He sends out His slaughter crew for preachers who do not weep? My preacher brethren, I wonder if that man with the linen garment and the inkhorn by his side will mark your forehead as one who sighs and cries, or will he let you go with those who are slaughtered?

I am a very poor kind of preacher, but these old eyes of mine

have nearly been wept out over sinners. I do not know any way to preach without tears, and I hope God will let me die before I ever learn to! We need a broken heart for a dying world. And we will never have a revival until we, the people of God, learn to wait and sigh and mourn over our own sins and over lost people who are around us. Then, and not until then, people will believe us and God will believe us. Then, and not until then, God will hear us pray and sinners will hear our testimony. God give us such hearts!

Do you know what is wrong with America? Let me say it again: it is with us Christians—us preachers, us church people. Then, O God, give us a contrite and burdened heart to get people to Jesus, to get them saved!

I wonder if some poor lost sinner is hearing me today. If so, do you gather from what I am saying now that it is a serious matter? Oh, then turn to Christ! With all your heart, repent and seek the Lord. Today, receive the dear Lord Jesus into your heart and trust Him to save you. Do it this moment!

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How You May Be Saved From Hell and Go to Heaven

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condition and come to Christ, you are DEAD!

"But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth" (I Tim. 5:6). As long as you live only for the pleasure of this world, you are DEAD!

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:20). Until you are converted (turned back to God) from your present way of error, you are DEAD!

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (I John 3:14). As long as you do not love real Christians, you are in a state of DEATH.

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Rev. 3:1). Many church members and religious people who have "a name to live" are DEAD.

Without God!

Third, you are without God! "At that time [before conversion] ye were without Christ" (Eph. 2:12). The Greek word means literally "apart from God; cut off from God." Your unforgiven sins force Him to take sides against you. God is against you! His wrath is upon you now because of your

(1) Unbelief (refusing to believe in Jesus)—John 3:36.

(2) Ungodliness (ignoring God, His Word, His will for you)—Rom. 1:18.

(3) Impenitence (refusing to

obey His command to repent)—Rom. 2:5; Acts 17:30.

God is a terror to the unsaved. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences" (II Cor. 5:11).

God is fearful to meet if you are unsaved! "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

God is a consuming fire. "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear; For our God is a consuming fire" (Heb. 12: 28, 29).

"If God be for us [Christians], who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31). If God be against you (you who will not repent), who can be for you (when He judges you)?

Condemned Already!

Fourth, you are condemned already! "He that believeth not [refuses to believe] is condemned already" (John 3:18). You are in the death-cell, a prisoner who has broken the law. You have been tried, found guilty. The solemn hour comes when the Judge must pass sentence on you. There is a solemn hush over the court as the Judge slowly pronounces the doom of the prisoner. "The jury has found you guilty, and the punishment for your crime is death. I therefore sentence you to die." That doomed man is every sinner who has not accepted salvation through Christ! You are to die and you are to die the second death! The second death is the lake of fire! You are to be cast into it! (Rev. 20:15). You are

under a brief respite, but God knows the day, the hour, the very second when your probation ends and your sentence is to be executed. You are even now in your death-cell, condemned already!

Facing Physical Death Alone—and Hell

Fifth, you are facing physical death alone—and Hell. "The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell..." (Luke 16:22, 23). Jesus here tells us that which happens to the soul at death. The saved man, at death, had angels waiting to take him to Abraham's bosom, the place where the saved are in comfort. Not so with the unsaved; he had no angels to receive him. He had refused to obey God and repent (Luke 16: 30), and now God ignores him. His body went back to the dust, but his soul was immediately in hell, in conscious and unending torment! Oh, thank God, those who repent and have the Lord as their Shepherd can say, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

A few months ago I stood by the bedside of a little ten-year-old boy as he breathed his last breath. Beside him stood his mother who had brought him into this world and had tenderly cared for him, and his father who had loved him and supported him. But loved ones are helpless to aid him now. As the mother cried, "Oh, Sonny boy, how can I go home without you!" I rejoiced in my soul that this was not the wail of despair, but only temporary separation, for the boy died "in the Lord." He had repented and confessed Jesus, and also his father and mother were saved. As I stood there I could almost visualize the angels hovering over that bed as they did over Lazarus. When earthly hands have ministered their last aid to the dying child of God, the heavenly ministers bear his soul and spirit away into the presence of Jesus (Heb. 2:14; II Cor. 5:8). These truths, however, are not for you who refuse to repent! "Died...buried...in hell!" Hell awaits you at death! Refuse Jesus now, and He will refuse YOU then.

After Death, Judgment!

Sixth, you are facing judgment. "After death, the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). "The dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works" (Rev. 20:11-15). Are you willing for every thought you have ever had to be known even to your dearest friends and loved ones? Would you like for every word you have ever spoken to be broadcast everywhere? How about the deeds of your life—would you like for them to be exposed in the newspapers, telling everyone just what you are? No, you shrink back from such humiliation. And yet this is exactly what you are facing after death! All your works are recorded in the book of heaven (Rev. 20:12; Dan. 7:9-19). And God says that whatsoever ye have spoken in the darkness (of sin) shall be heard in the light (of Heaven), and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets (injuring and harming others) shall be proclaimed from the house-tops. God says, "There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known" (Luke 12:2, 3).

But there will be no Christians there. No man who repents and confesses Jesus and had been born again will be there, because the sins of Christians were borne and judged in the body of Jesus, on the cross, and that person "cometh not into judgment" (John 5:24). "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1). And when a sinner confesses his sin, God "cleanses him from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). So the Christian's sins are blotted out. But not yours, unsaved friend. You will die in your sins and meet every one of them in judgment (John 8:24).

Cast Into Fire!

Seventh, you will be cast into the lake of fire where you will spend eternity! (Rev. 20:15). The last two chapters of the Bible give the eternal state of every soul God has created. There are only two places: the lake of fire

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First, pray for us and get your friends to pray for us.

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The Atonement Through The Blood

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with God. Christ made that peace for me on Calvary nineteen hundred years ago. I am simply resting in the peace which He has already made." The woman was right — He has already made peace by His death and all we need to do is to enter into this peace. His work is complete and perfect and needs no additions and no subtractions. "We have peace through his blood."

4. All believers in Him are justified.

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him" (Rom. 5:9).

Justification is more than forgiveness. Forgiveness is simply the putting away of our sins, but justification makes us as if we had never sinned. All the righteousness of Christ is credited to us when we are justified. In His death upon the cross He took my place, and when I accepted Him I became His own and I am justified freely from all things. In Heaven I will have the same standing before God that Christ has — I am sinful here, but I will be spotless there. We are told that He will "present us spotless before the throne." What blessed news this is! But this is our portion because of His shed blood.

5. All believers can enter boldly into the presence of God because of His death.

But for Christ's atoning death man could not enter into the presence of God. However, when Christ died upon the cross, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom and we can go through His blood straight to the heart of God. When we think of our sin and when we think of His holiness we hesitate to approach God. But because of the blood which was shed we can enter into His presence and cry out, "Abba, Father." We can pour out our hearts to Him because of Christ's wondrous blood.

6. All believers live with Him forever.

When He shall come, whether we

are asleep or awake we shall live forever with Him. If it were not for His Death we could never know that blessed state which is the hope of every Christian.

When He shall come with trumpet sound

O may I then in Him be found.

Dressed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne.

You and I have sinned. Our sin would send us to Hell, but the blood of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, furnishes the power which cleanses us from our sin and which turns us toward the heavenly home.

What can wash away my sins?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh precious is the flow,

That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What does the blood of Christ mean to you? Are you His? Are you under His blood? If not, in that last day the blood will not avail for you. If you come now He will wash you white as snow and give you hope of eternal life.

A Christian may endure many hardships and much suffering in this world, but he would not take anything for the hope which is his because of Jesus.

A soldier lay dying upon the battlefield. A chaplain came up to him and said, "Young man, can I do anything for you?" The young man reached trembling fingers into his pocket and took out a picture and gave it to the chaplain. "This is my mother's picture," said the young man. "On the back of that picture you will find her address. I wish you would write her and tell her about my death, but most of all tell her that it was all well with me because I died trusting Jesus as my Saviour."

Oh, my friends, because of the atonement, because of the shed blood, this can be true of every-

one of us: the lake of fire

for the unsaved, and the Holy City for the saved. Reader, where will you be a million years from now? Where will you be if you should die this moment? The saved and the unsaved are not going to the same place! Are you willing to be forever what you are now—condemned and under judgment?

Eternity

Eternity! Eternity! What a solemn word! You are traveling. Time is not flying; you are flying! "Our days are numbered." "They are swifter than a post" (Job 9). Every day, every hour, every minute, every second brings us nearer eternity. And there are only two roads leading to eternity—"the way of the ungodly" and "the way of the righteous" (Psa. 1:6). The ungodly are on the broad way that ends in destruction; the saved are traveling the straight and narrow way that ends in life! (Matt. 7:13, 14).

Sinner's Destination

Oh, unsaved friend, your road is leading you to the lake of fire! Who are going there? The answer is found in Revelation 21:8. The fearful, cowards, people who were afraid to confess Jesus openly as Saviour and live for Him. If He died for us in shame, before

the mockers, we should not be ashamed to confess him. The unbelieving, those refusing to repent and rely only on Jesus crucified as their sin-bearer and only hope of Heaven. The abominable, those living in open sin. Murderers who refuse to repent. Whoremongers who refuse to be clean. The unclean, the lustful, the lewd, the immoral. Sorcerers and idolators. All these shall

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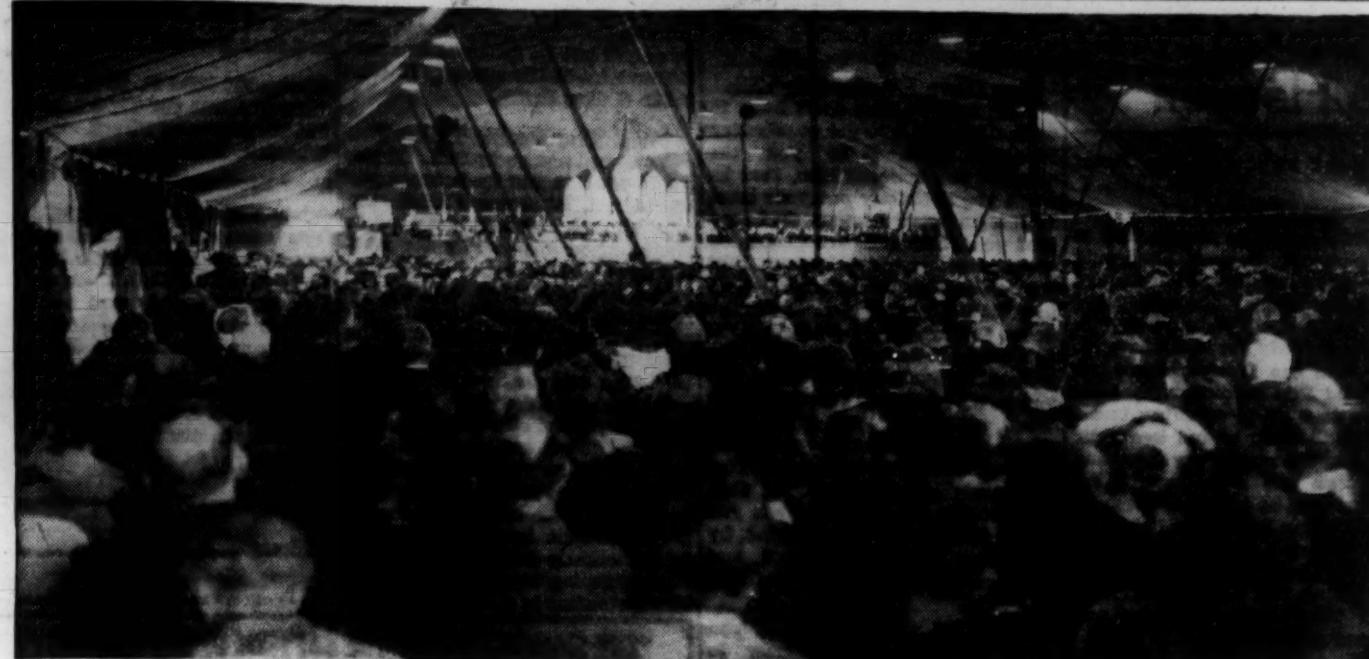
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Dr. Hyman J. Appelman, anointed evangelist, some weeks ago had a blessed revival campaign in an enormous tent near Santa Ana, California. This is a picture of part of the crowd. There is always difficulty about properly picturing the crowds in a big tent since there is no balcony from which to take the picture. In this campaign there were over 1,200 public professions of faith, fifty-five churches cooperating. Thank God, the day of revivals is not past!

Three Funds That Need Your Prayers and Gifts

By the Editor

In the burden for revival and soul-winning, world-wide, which is laid upon us here at THE SWORD OF THE LORD office, we have assumed obligations that readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will want to help us bear both in prayer and gifts, I sincerely believe. Hence I mention the following matters:

1. Preliminary Expenses of Organizing Revival Campaigns in the Carolinas

We have four full-time workers now in North and South Carolina helping to enlist pastors in plans for union revival campaigns to take place mainly in the fall months. The editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD is directly responsible to see that these men are paid their salary and necessary expenses. Some money is coming in now, raised in one-night stands by evangelists who speak in the Carolinas, in preparation for the fall campaigns. Later it is hoped that most of the local campaign committees will agree to put in ten per cent of the local budget to pay for the organizational and preliminary work during and preceding the campaigns, and that the committees and evangelists will agree that ten per cent of the evangelists' love offering go for this purpose. Actually, it will take two or three weeks' hard work to get a good union revival campaign going. Whatever profit there is from the booktables can also go to this revival preliminary and organizational and promotional expense. Meantime, the work must go on, and I believe that God will put it in the hearts of good Christians to help the editor bear this expense. Offerings for such purpose may be sent to:

Evangelist John R. Rice,
214 W. Wesley Street,
Wheaton, Illinois.
and checks can be made payable to Carolina Revival Campaign Fund.

2. The Korean Evangelistic Fund

Some weeks ago in THE SWORD OF THE LORD we published a letter from Chaplain Solomon Cole, with the American forces in Korea. Chaplain Cole is an old friend, a gospel preacher greatly used of God. He told how Moody Bible Institute had offered schol-

ships to three young ministerial students in Korea. Three men have been selected who are graduates of Christian colleges in Korea, and who need further training in Bible. He asked if it would be possible for us to help get passage money for these ministerial students in Korea and bring them to America for training in Moody Bible Institute where scholarships are provided. We in THE SWORD OF THE LORD office prayed about it and felt that our friends would help us provide the \$1,200 needed to bring the three young Korean ministers to America. And we asked your prayers and help.

Already \$375.20 has come in for this purpose and is being placed in the Korean Evangelistic fund. As soon as the \$1,200 is available, it will be sent to Korea, to the proper authorities there. We suggest that those who will pray about the matter and see if God wants you to help us train these young Korean evangelists by bringing them to America where they can accept the scholarships provided in Moody Bible Institute.

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I trust our friends will prayerfully consider this need also, and if God lays it on your heart, you may share in the blessings of getting out the gospel where it brings such blessed results.

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Sword Assistant Editor Sees Blessed Revival in Kalamazoo

By the Editor

A letter from Pastor Reinhold A. Barth of the Calvary Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, tells the delightful story of God's blessing on the ministry of Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld, assistant editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. From every campaign where Brother Fehsenfeld preaches, there comes new reports of the pungent, convicting power of his preaching, of a genuine revival among the Christians and the many hardened sinners being saved. Pastor Barth writes:

April 17, 1947.

Dear Brother Rice:

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord!

I count it a real joy to write you of the blessing of the Lord upon the people of Calvary Church under the ministry of Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld. Under the anointing of the Spirit of God, Brother Fehsenfeld accomplished a work in our midst which has never been equalled in the history of the church.

Calvary Church is the strongest fundamental and missionary center in Kalamazoo. However, being a community where people are largely of Holland descent, we have found the people to be very conservative and undemonstrative when the invitation is extended for souls to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. In the first evangelistic campaign that we had after I came here in the fall of 1944, we saw no visible results. During the second campaign there were seven professions of faith in Christ, and there were nine professions of faith in the third campaign. With this background, you can well understand our over-flowing joy to see seventy-six professions of faith and also a number of backsliders reclaimed, plus conversions under the ministry of Evangelist Fehsenfeld.

Brother Fehsenfeld is a devoted servant of the Lord. I had occasion to pray with him many times and know that he lives close to the Lord and has a heart for the things of God. During the opening meetings, he preached boldly against sin. He did not spare himself physically, and in another sense of the word, he did not spare us! At first there was a kicking against the pricks in reaction to his preaching. Then the Spirit of God began to convict, God's people began to confess their sin and shortcomings, and God began to place a great burden of prayer upon the hearts of His people. Though Brother Fehsenfeld was only scheduled to be with us two weeks, the trend of the meetings was definitely of the Lord to continue a third week, which we did. There were decisions for Christ in every

service with but two exceptions.

Under separate cover I am sending to you a picture of the closing Sunday evening service when well over five hundred were in attendance. Off from the right of the picture there was a wing of the church filled with about one hundred people which is not included in the photograph.

I believe that I should also add that with Brother Fehsenfeld's bold preaching against sin, there was a burning compassion for the sinner manifested in his ministry. In the midst of testing and with tears, he faithfully presented Jesus Christ.

There were a number of cases of conversions and reclamations which especially caused the hearts of God's people to rejoice. On one Sunday evening, a man and his wife from Allegan, Michigan, came forward to accept Christ as their Saviour. Two weeks later this husband and father brought his oldest married daughter to the Youth for Christ rally and she came to profess her faith in Christ. Less than a week went by when the same father took another daughter and her husband to another revival meeting at Decatur, Michigan, where they, too, went forward to accept the Lord! There are other instances that I could write to you just as thrilling, but this one must suffice.

Revival fires are still burning in my church! The two prayer meetings that I have conducted since the campaign has come to a close, have shown a forty per cent increase in attendance and about one hundred per cent increase in fervor and spirit. Our Sunday attendance has been wonderful and there has been a marked increase in the giving of the saints to the work of the Lord.

I personally feel that Del Fehsenfeld's ministry is greatly needed in the state of Michigan. Michigan has many fundamental churches that are sound in doctrine, but alas, also sound asleep! I trust that the Lord will enlarge the ministry of Brother Fehsenfeld in this area and cause the impact of his Spirit-filled ministry to be felt in many churches.

Brother Rice, I want to express my personal appreciation to you and "THE SWORD OF THE LORD" for God ordained ministry. Your book on PRAYER, especially the chapters "Asking Bread for the Sinner," brought a change in my ministry some years back. May God continue to bless you and your co-laborers and your printed literature to set revival fires afame all over the world in these days before Jesus comes.

And now, may He whose blessings alone can count, give you a real blessing from on high.

Yours afame for Christ,
(Signed) Reinhold A. Barth,
Pastor.

"I'm From Missouri"

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me in my life; and THE SWORD OF THE LORD refers me to the good Book of all books, which is God's Word."

Mrs. A. W. of Farmington, Missouri, has this word to say:

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"Sunday saw the last member of my family accept Christ since I got home from the Army last March. There were my sister first, then father, my brother and wife, and lastly my mother. What a time for rejoicing!"

Mrs. W. C. of Lilburn, Georgia, says, "Next to my Bible THE SWORD OF THE LORD is the finest I have ever read. I treasure every word of it for it seems like it comes right down from above to truly brighten my life more than words can tell."

So in Missouri, in Michigan, in Wisconsin, in Illinois, in Pennsylvania, in South Carolina, in Georgia and all over the United States it is the same — they read THE SWORD OF THE LORD — and they like it.

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have their part in the lake of fire which burneth with brimstone which is the second death. And there they suffer forever!

I read of "unquenchable fire" (Matt. 3:12).

I read of "everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25:46).

I read of "everlasting darkness" (Jude 6).

I read of "everlasting fire" (Matt. 25:41).

I read of everlasting sin (Mark 8:29).

I read of "everlasting chains" (Jude 6).

I read of a "bottomless pit," of "a worm that dieth not," of "fire that never goes out;" of a "great gulf fixed" immeasurable, eternal, with no bridge or other possible means of crossing it once you die in your sins.

I read of "flame" (Luke 16).

I read of torment that is never relieved (Luke 16).

I read of cries for mercy in a place where prayer for loved ones is never answered (Luke 16).

And throughout eternity, unsaved friend, yours shall be the heart-sob of a God-forsaken soul. "My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken me?" And after death, there is no second chance! Your eternal state is fixed at death. For God says that the great gulf is fixed and remains fixed. (Hesterikta, Greek perfect tense, Luke 16:26).

Oh, happy is the soul who can say truthfully, and on the brink of eternity, "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell" (Psa. 16). Surely unsaved friend, in the light of your lost condition as revealed in these statements from God's eternal Word, you will cry out, "What must I do to be saved?"

God Tells You How to Be Saved

God says He gave His son for you, to die for YOUR sins. As your substitute, Christ exchanged places with you. He took your sins, and you get His righteousness! Do you believe this, that He died for you? (Lk. 13:3-5).

Repent of your sins. You do this by confessing them to God and forsaking them forever, by His help (I John 1:9).

Believe. You do this by putting your confidence in Jesus, relying on Jesus, committing your soul to Jesus for time and eternity, trusting in His death on the cross and in His shed blood as your only hope of Heaven! (John 3:16).

Surrender your life to Him as a living sacrifice, receiving Him into your heart (John 1:12) to live in you His own blessed life (I Cor. 6:19; Col. 1:27).

Confess Him before men as your Lord (Master) (Rom. 10:9).

Assurance

You may know you are saved eternally. That you may know this now, I am giving you the outline of a prayer that, if sincerely prayed with the whole heart, will settle the question of your salvation. May I suggest that you go to a secret place and kneel. (So many times, bent knees indicate a bent heart.) Call upon Him, saying, "Oh, God, I know I am a sinner, and that Jesus died for me on the cross. Thank you for being merciful to me, the sinner, and for

saving me right now, for Jesus' sake!"

Then,

"Lord Jesus, I do receive You as my personal Saviour, believing You died for me on the cross and that You took MY judgment, MY punishment, and all my sins in Your own body on the cross, so that God can freely forgive me now. And I do surrender my body to You as a living sacrifice, trusting You to come in and live Your life in me the rest of my days, and when You call me Home, I am trusting You to take me home to Heaven where I will spend eternity with You and all the redeemed, those who have sincerely repented and trusted You as their Saviour! Thank You, Lord, for saving me in Jesus' name. Amen."

If you have done this sincerely, you are saved. For God says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). You are now as clean as any angel of God, and you can die and walk the streets of gold, perfect from all sin. You are as righteous as God Himself (II Cor. 5:21). And you stand before God as perfect as Jesus, for He says, "By one offering he hath perfected for ever" (Heb. 10:14). And all this is FREE! (Rom. 3:24). Praise God, the sin question is settled forever! For now, if you should stumble into sin, being a child of God, you will be grieved

and will confess it quickly and can be forgiven, with restored fellowship with God! (I John 1:9).

You Have Everlasting Life

John 3:16 — You don't have to wait till you die to get everlasting life. God gave it to you the moment you believed Him, that is, when you definitely put your trust in Jesus as your Saviour. God says that you shall not perish, and He guarantees you everlasting life! And all this by your simply believing that He loved you and gave Jesus on the cross as your substitute and sin-bearer! You are now a "son of God" (John 1:12), for you have, by simply trusting God's Word, receiving Jesus as your Saviour, by believing what His name stands for — "Saviour"! Not only are you called a son of God, but You are, for He has given you power to become a child of God, by imparting His nature to you, and you are now born of God (John 1:12-14).

Now that you are saved, you want to continue to "grow in grace" by doing the following things:

Spend at least thirty minutes to an hour in daily worship! Read the Word of God; obey it! Talk to God in prayer! Talk to others about their souls! Go to church regularly for Christian fellowship!

If you do these things, you will not stumble. And keep in mind that you must stand before the judgment seat of Christ to give account of your Christian life. "Fight the good fight of faith" and win that "Well done, good and faithful servant" that awaits

those who work faithfully with the talents God has given them, and you shall not be ashamed to stand before Him at His coming! (I John 2:28; II Cor. 5:10).

Will You Decide Today?

You need not go to Hell. If you go to Hell, it will be because you would not let Jesus Christ save you. But if you intend to go to Heaven, you must settle the matter now. There is no other way to be sure of Heaven than by immediately turning to Christ.

If you will repent of your sin, trust Christ to save your soul and take Him as your Saviour now, we want to hear from you. You have read Dr. Hendley's heart-moving sermon. Now act upon it! Say yes to God in your heart. Trust Christ today to forgive your sins and save your soul. Then sign the statement below, if you can do so honestly as a poor, unsaved sinner turning to Christ, and copy this statement in a letter and send

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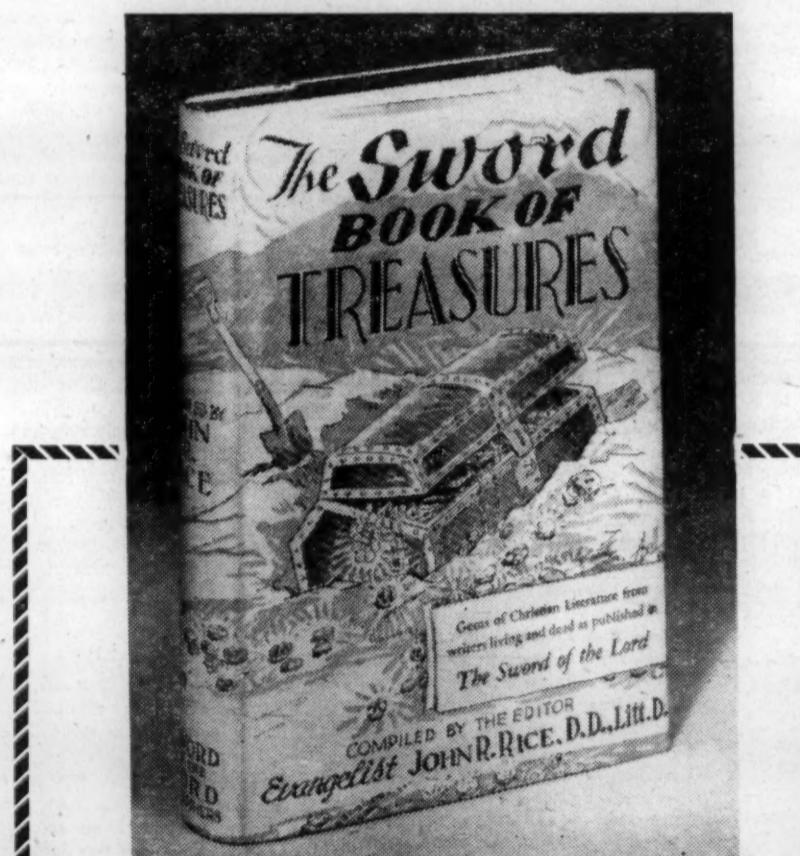
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